(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Assassination attempt on Punjab police chief

2336. SHRI SHARAD YADAV;
SHRl RAM NARESH KUSHA-WAHA; SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an assass ination attempt on the Punjab Police Chief was recently made at the Punjab Police Headquarters;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating whether connivance of some po lice in the attempt is suspected;

(c) whether the incident a. nd the growing incidents of murders of innocent people by the Punjab extremists have been taken up with the Government of Punjab for an indepth review of the working of the State Police to identify the anti-national ele ments in the Police force; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof and the measures contemplated to weed out the anti-national elements from the Punjab Police force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) An attempt was made on the life of the Director General of Police, Punjab, in the PAP Complex at Jalandhar on 3rd October, 1986. During the investigation, some persons belonging to State Police have been found involved in this case. Four State police personnel have already been arrested in this connection.

(c) and (d) The Centra) Government is in constant touch with the State Government for taking steps to curb terrorist activities. The Security forces in the I State have been continuously conducting anti-terrorist operations. A close watch is being kept on the activities of extremist elements and to weed out undesirable and suspect police officers.

US offer of help in Manufacturing weapons

2337. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States has offered to help India in the manufacture of new sophisticated weapons and also their joint production; and

(b) if so, what is the exact position and other details of the negotiations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No assistance for the manufacture of weapons is contemplated. However, under the umbrella of the Indo-US MOU negotiated during 1983-84 and signed in 1985, Defence Technology Cooperation in areas of interest to some of the significant programmes in Ministry of Defence is being explored. One of the areas is Aeronautics (LCA) and ano'her is Anti-Armour systems. Defence Technology cooperation suggested by the Govt, of USA is being considered by the Govt of India for implementation under the MOU.

(b) No final decisions have been taken and it is therefore premature to give details of negotiations.

Seeking of US help in making weapons and Aircraft

2338. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether US help in th6 manufacture of sophisticated weapons system and aircraft was sought during the visit of US Defence Secretary to Delhi in October, 1986; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No assistance for the manufacture of weapons was sought. Certain cutting edge technologies to be absorbed in laboratories were discussed with potential applications in both defence and civilian sectors.

(b) The subject is still under discussion.

"नासा" की सहायता से एक भारतीय वैज्ञानिक द्वारा शोध

2339. श्री शरद यादव : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एक भारतीय वैज्ञानिक, डा० जे० भाट्टाचार्य को अमरीकी अन्तरिक्ष एजेंसी, "नासा" तथा अमरीका के ओहियों विश्वविद्यालय के सहयोग से हिमालय के भू-विज्ञान पर शोध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह अनुमति उन्हें किस आधार पर दी गई है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलेक्ट्रानिकी और अंतरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन्) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Foreigners visiting India in persuit of peace and Salvation

2340. SHRIMATI RENUlA. CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian rules, regulations and laws are too stringent on entry of bonafide foreigners specially for those who are in persuit of knowledge and peace and salvation through India's religious lea'ders such as one in Kulu Valley as reported in the *Hindustan Times* of 19th October. 1986; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to liberalise the existing rules and regulations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM), - (a) No, Sir. The Government do not think that the rules and regulations are stringent on entry of genuine seekers of knowledge, peace and salvation.

(b) Does not arise.

Achievements under the 20-poinj programme

2341. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received or called for a detailed report on the achievements made under the 20-Point Programme, IRDP and NREP; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The progress of the 20-Point Programme under IRDP and NREP is being reviewed continuously on monthly, quarterly and annual basis, for which information is furnished by the States/UTs.

(b) A statement giving the point-wise performance under the 20-Point Programme during 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 6 months (April—September. 1986) as laid on the fable of the House. *[See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No, 88].